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To: Hospice Providers

RE: Medicaid Hospice Criteria for Adult Cancer

Effective June 1, 2006 the KPS/PPS score for the Medicaid Hospice Criteria for Adult Cancer will be modified to allow a KPS/PPS score of 50 instead of 40.

The current hospice criteria for adult cancer, found in Administrative Code Rule No. 560-X-51-.04 (g), states the palliative performance scale must be less than or equal to 40. An administrative code rule change will be filed by July 2006 with an effective date of October 2006. The policy change is less restrictive than the current policy and will allow hospice providers to certify individuals that need hospice services before the administrative code rule change becomes effective in October.

If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, please contact Wanda Davis, at (334) 242-5018 or Nancy Headley at (334) 242-5684.

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